

Snow late tonight and Sunday; warmer.

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HOUSE FIGHT OF DEMOCRATS WAXETH WARM

Has Developed Itself Into Three-Cornered Healthy Contest for Leadership.

Men Who Want Prize.

John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, four years minority leader.

David Albaugh De Armond of Missouri.

Robert Lee Henry of Texas, present chairman of the Democratic caucus in the House.

John A. Moon, Representative from Tennessee.

A foundation for one of the hottest fights for the minority leadership in the House ever known in the history of the Democratic party is being laid, according to developments in the situation today.

It will be a three-cornered fight, for late yesterday afternoon two members of the Texas delegation received telegrams from Representative Robert Henry of Texas, now in the Lone Star State, asking that his friends refrain from committing themselves to either De Armond or Williams in the leadership race, as he thought strongly of running for the position. Today it was said that there seemed little doubt that Henry would run.

It was added that he might stand a good chance to win both the De Armond followers, and the Williams supporters are working with might and main to line up enough to elect their man in the next Congress. Should Henry go before the caucus, which will be held here next December, with enough votes to give him an excuse for staying in the race, he might get the place if a deadlock between the other two parties was strong enough to prevent either Williams or De Armond from securing the prize.

That the fight will be a hot one is now undoubted. The De Armond people are claiming that they have seventy-eight votes for their man, while the Williams full caucus present, it would require only eighty-three votes to elect. In the various State delegations the friends of Mr. Williams have in the last few days been circulating papers as invitations to Mr. Williams to be a candidate for the leadership, and have been securing all the signatures possible to these "invitations."

De Armond's Friends Claim.

De Armond's friends claim to see great encouragement in the circulation of these invitations to Mr. Williams. They declare that it is unusual and unnecessary to invite a man to run when he is, as Williams is, an open and avowed candidate for the position. They claim that unless the Williams followers were uneasy about the result of the contest, they would not be trying to secure these pledges for their man.

Friends of Mr. Williams refuse to discuss the situation in detail, saying they are confident of their man. They do not possibly lose the fight, Mr. Williams also appears not at all uneasy about the final result of the contest.

De Armond's men also say they are glad Henry will run for the place, although they admit it may result in Henry getting the place over either the Armond or Williams. Their view of the matter was voiced thus today by one of their number:

"Williams has a larger following in Texas than De Armond has. Naturally the Texas delegation will support Henry, a Texas man. Therefore, if that direction, Henry's candidacy will be a greater blow to Williams than to De Armond. Henry also has strong friends in the Alabama and Kentucky delegations, those friends now being for Williams. So you see, Henry stands to weaken Williams in those two places. Henry, however, could not draw any strength from the Western or Northern Democrats among whom De Armond is very strong."

Henry's Hope Is Deadlock.

The possibility of a deadlock in the game if Henry stays in to the last is admitted by pretty much everybody familiar with the situation. Should ballot after ballot be taken with De Armond and Williams unable to win out and with Henry the third man, it is entirely possible that Henry might receive the support of one or the other of

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THE WEATHER REPORT.

The area of high pressure that developed in the northwest on the 20th inst. has reached the middle Atlantic States and increased greatly in magnitude. It is being followed by a trough of low pressure that now occupies the eastern Rocky mountain slope. Snow has begun in the middle Mississippi valley, and rain continues on the Pacific coast and over the Plateau region west of the Rocky mountains. It is still cold in Atlantic coast districts, but the weather has moderated in the West.

Steamers departing today for European ports will have fresh westerly winds and fair weather to the Grand Banks.

THE TEMPERATURE.

9 a. m.	14
12 noon	20
1 p. m.	25
2 p. m.	27

SUN TABLE.

Sun sets today	5:46
Sun rises tomorrow	6:41

TIDE TABLE.

High tide today	4:55 p. m.
Low tide today	11:40 p. m.
High tide tomorrow	5:24 p. m.
Low tide tomorrow	11:55 a. m.

HARPER'S PERRY, W. Va., Feb. 23.—Both rivers clear.

Tragedy Halted Raid by Police On White's Studio



MAZIE FOLLETTE, Who, It Is Alleged, Is the Source of Jerome's Information on Incidents of Evelyn Thaw's Life.

Millionaire Architect Had Planned Another of His Famous Dinners for Night Following the Shooting.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Had Stanford White lived just one night longer than he did his career as a high-life devotee would have been brought to a disgraceful close by a raid on one of his studios by the police. This is the statement made today by one of Thaw's attorneys. If necessary, the defense is prepared to prove this on the witness stand in Thaw's trial.

Thaw's bullet saved White from witnessing his own exposure to the world for the man he was.

White, this attorney declares, had planned to give another of his famous dinners in a studio on the night of June 26. This fact was known to one of the anti-vice societies, which had been seeking to bring White to justice.

HAD PLANNED RAIDING STUDIO.

Through this society the police had been enlisted and a raid on the den of the rich architect had been arranged.

Had Thaw but waited, the bringing of his enemy to justice before the bar of public opinion, as well as causing his degradation in the police courts, would have been accomplished without his interference. Then Evelyn Nesbit Thaw would not have had to repeat the awful past she has told in court.

Whether Thaw knew of the contemplated raid is a point on which his attorneys would throw no light. Their silence raises the question of a strong point they may be able to make in his favor. If they can show that Thaw knew White was to be "shown up," and killed him anyway, they can base upon this fact a strong argument of his insanity.

MAY PRODUCE OTHER VICTIMS.

The defense has in its hand another strong card to play, if any weakening of Evelyn's testimony under Jerome's cross-examination demands it, according to the same lawyer. Two girls, victims of White, who suffered at his hands almost in the same way as did Evelyn Nesbit, are at the command of the defense to testify. The defense looks for an attempt by Jerome to throw doubt on Evelyn's veracity, just as he has torn asunder her reputation. If any success attends his efforts, these two girls will go on the stand to tell the story of their wrongs as proof that Evelyn told only the truth in her own recital.

The great strength of Evelyn's testimony, the defense asserts, is based on the fact that during her long ordeal she has stuck to the truthful story of her wrongs, as well as her own confession of sins on her own part.

MAZIE FOLLETTE THE PROMPTER.

Thaw's attorneys are at no loss to understand where Jerome secured the ammunition from which he is framing the damaging questions for Evelyn. Mazie Follette is said to be the source of this information.

Jerome himself explained the secret to his control of this former chum of Evelyn's when he said: "Probably the most damaging thing Mrs. Thaw did as a witness, so far as she personally is concerned, was her attack on this former friend." This attack consisted of Evelyn's naming Mazie Follette as the woman who had deported herself so wildly at White's studio dinners.

Mazie Follette was a friend of White and was a constant attendant at White's dinners. Her sympathies naturally were on White's side when the Thaw trial began. When a desire to be revenged upon Evelyn was added to her sympathy she lost no time in telling what she could about Evelyn Thaw to Jerome.

And the limit of Mazie Follette's revenge has not been reached. There re-

BOSTON GREET THE PRESIDENT UPON ARRIVAL

Crowd at Station Waited Patiently for Train Delayed by Unusual Cold.

Mr. Roosevelt Guest of Dr. Bigelow, an Old Friend and College Mate.

Ladies of Party at Home of Mrs. Lee, Grandmother of Mrs. Longworth

BOSTON, Feb. 23.—The Federal Express, bearing President Roosevelt and his party, reached the Back Bay station at 8:35 this morning, and was met by a crowd of persons, many of whom had waited around in the cold for an hour and a half. On account of the delay at the ferry in Jersey City and the unusual cold the express was an hour and fifteen minutes late. A guard of mounted police and local detectives was at the station. The President immediately entered the carriage of Dr. Bigelow and was driven to his home in Beacon street. Secretary Latta accompanied him, but left the carriage at the Bigelow residence and went to a nearby hotel.

The rest of the President's party, including Mrs. Roosevelt, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth and Miss Edith Roosevelt, remained in the private car. Signal, which was switched to the Boston and Albany suburban circuit and taken to Chestnut Hill, on the outskirts of the city, where the ladies of the White House will be guests of Mrs. George C. Lee, grandmother of Mrs. L. Longworth.

The President had only taken coffee upon rising and he breakfasted at the residence of Dr. Bigelow, who is an old friend and college mate.

At 11 o'clock the President stood before the son of Capt. Guy Merriam, a Boston attorney and former Rough Rider. Gen. Leonard Wood was unable to come. In his place he sent Capt. Frank R. McCoy, military aide to the President and a cavalry officer.

Busy Day for President.

After breakfast the President met a few friends at the home of Dr. Bigelow. At 1 o'clock the President was the guest of Dr. Bigelow at luncheon at the Sphinx Club. From there he was driven in the direction of the Harvard Union, where he addressed the students. Every member of the Union had secured a ticket, and the building was crowded.

After speaking at the Harvard Union, the President will return to Dr. Bigelow's home and remain in seclusion until time to go to Harvard again to attend the initiation of his son, Theodore, Jr., into the Porcellain Club, Harvard's most exclusive society, when the initiation is the main object of the President's visit. He was made a member of the club when a student at Harvard, and his son's initiation is a matter of great interest to him.

While at Harvard the President will find time to see his friends and will pay a visit to the Hasty Pudding Club. After the initiation the President will remain there until tomorrow, when he will leave for Groton to visit his son, Theodore, Jr., who is a student there.

The rest of the party leave for Groton today.

INFECTED COWS SUPPLYING MILK IN WASHINGTON

An official of the District Health Department, a veterinary surgeon, the highest standing in his profession, made the startling statement this morning that one-sixteenth of all the milk cows supplying milk to the city of Washington were infected with tuberculosis in one form or another, in a more or less incipient or advanced stage. He declined to permit the use of his name for the reason that officially he is a subordinate of the Health Department, and for that reason he did not care to push himself into the discussion of impure milk until such time as he might be called upon to express a professional opinion to his official superiors.

He said his statement was based upon general knowledge in possession of members of the Veterinary Medical Association of Washington, covering a period of ten years' personal investigation in the field by members of his profession.

To show the extent to which the disease exists among the dairy herds in Virginia and Maryland, the base of a large percentage of the milk that comes to the District, the veterinary surgeon said that there are 16,000 milk cows in these herds, which if put under the tuberculin test would show that at least 1,000 are victims of tuberculosis and were sending to this market tuberculous milk. He insisted that the only sure way to determine that a cow has tuberculosis is to apply the tuberculin test; that the ordinary test, without the application of tuberculin, was unsatisfactory, yet he had found by the ordinary test over 200 infected cows.

WRECK MAIMS SCORES AND SEVERAL MAY DIE; PENN. FLYER DITCHED

The Injured

Frederick A. Busse, postmaster of Chicago; who was to have been nominated mayor of Chicago today by the Republicans.

Samuel F. Nixon, theatrical man of Philadelphia, en route from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh; skull fractured; condition critical at hospital at Johnstown.

Felix Isman, millionaire real estate dealer, Philadelphia; seriously injured; taken to Memorial Hospital.

G. W. Wiegler, of Chicago, secretary and general manager of the Chicago and Covington railroad; critical; at Altoona Hospital.

Charles Fox, of Fox & Marshall, architects, Chicago; seriously injured; at Johnstown Hospital.

John T. Cline, postmaster Joliet, Ill.; condition reported critical; at Memorial Hospital, Johnstown.

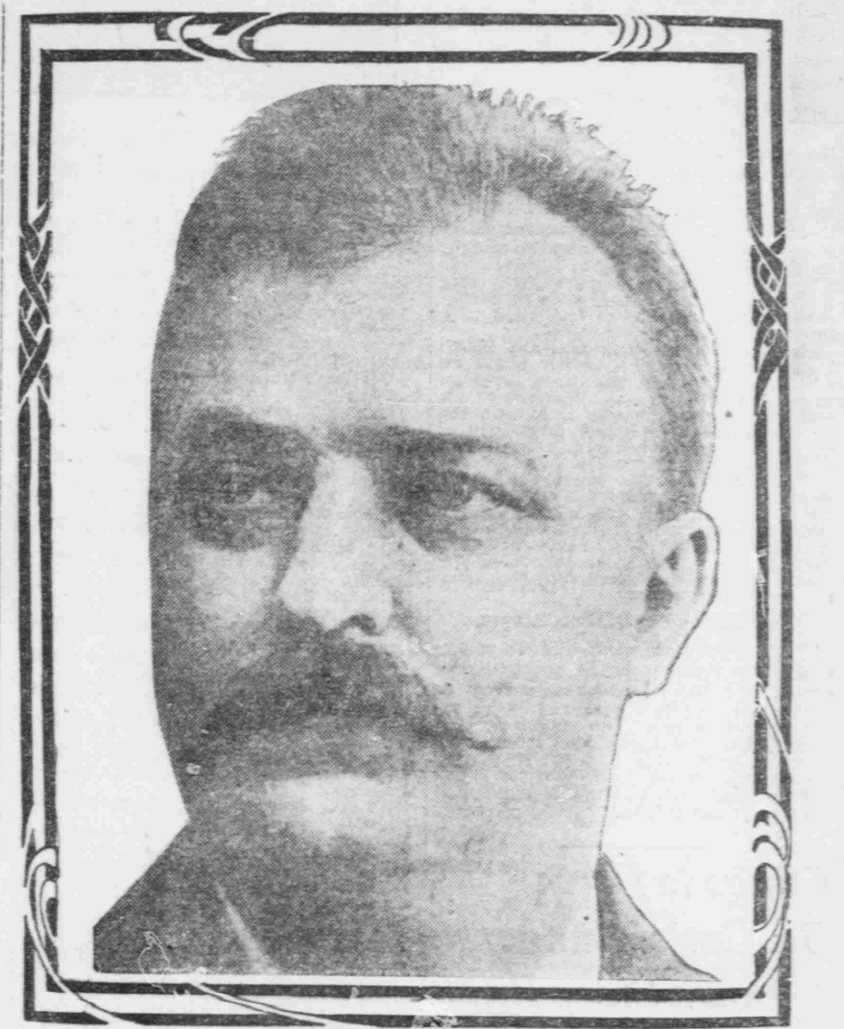
S. L. Brown, wholesale dry goods merchant, San Francisco; condition serious; Johnstown Hospital.

E. O. Come, said to be of Chicago; condition critical; at Altoona Hospital.

Virtis Brown, said to be representative of Illinois Steel Company; condition critical; at Cambria Hospital, Johnstown.

Thomas Bauer, Lafayette, Ind.; fatally injured; at Allegheny General Hospital.

W. H. Baker, 1414 Josephine street, Denver, Col.; condition critical; at Allegheny General Hospital.



SAMUEL F. NIXON, Senior Member of Theatrical Firm of Nixon & Zimmerman, of Philadelphia, Who Was Injured in Last Night's Wreck.

Running 60 Miles an Hour, Three Cars Plunge Into River Near Johnstown.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Feb. 23.—Rushing West in a frenzy of speed, the eighteen-hour special train de luxe of the Pennsylvania railroad, carrying one member of the Rothschilds family and prominent men from all over the country plunged over a sixty-foot embankment into the Conemaugh river, six miles east of Johnstown at 11:40 o'clock last night.

Fourteen passengers were seriously injured, but by some miracle not one passenger was killed and not a leg or an arm was broken.

While men of wealth and prominence were tumbled about and piled into bruised and groaning masses, every member of the train crew, save one colored porter, escaped without a scratch.

The train was behind its schedule last night, and was tearing over the rails at something more than sixty miles an hour to make up the lost time.

Its big Atlantic type locomotive, style E-2A, which is one of the finest engines in the world, was bounding over the steel rails which, at the point where the wreck occurred, are laid on the latest style of steel ties.

Without warning, and thus far without known cause, the rigging supporting the brake bar under the locomotive gave way. Carelessness is credited with causing the bar to fall, the general supposition being that a loosened bolt had been overlooked by a careless roundhouse tender or by the engineer himself, whose duty it is to see that his engine is in perfect order before taking it out.

BRAKE BAR STRUCK THE RAILS.

One end of the brake bar, which is a heavy steel beam, dropped down onto the steel ties. It caught and tore up the track as the train sped along, ties were uprooted and the heavy rails bolted to them were pulled from beneath the Pullman coaches behind the engine.

Such was the speed of the "flyer" that 200 or 400 feet of track was torn up and the passenger coaches dragged along on the ground.

This could not keep up. The strain was too great. Added to that the train was rounding a curve and the coaches would not drag in a straight line.

Suddenly, like the crack of a whip, the three rear cars were snapped loose and went tumbling, rolling over the 60-foot embankment, never stopping until they rested in the bed of the frozen Conemaugh.

Engine Stays on Track.

The engine and first car, a combination baggage, mail car, and club smoker remained on the roadbed. The engine did not leave the rails, although the tender was off the track and the combination car stood on bare ground. Fifty-four passengers were in the three rear coaches. Nearly all had retired to their berths. The train carries no day coaches, being made up entirely of palatial sleepers and an observation car. Terrible grinding and crunching made by the train dragging over the broken and twisted rails before the car rolled over the bank served to awaken nearly all the passengers. They had scant time to sit up in their berths while flashes of untold horrors came to them.

Then there was a quick jolt. The cars toppled to their sides and slowly began to revolve. Those passengers on the side farthest from the embankment were thrown into the air and those on the other side were dashed against the windows.

Glasses splintered while cries from women rent the air. Still the rolling motion continued and the passengers found themselves pressing against the roof of the coaches. On over the three cars

(\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return via Pennsylvania Railroad, every Saturday and Sunday. All regular trains except the "Congressional Limited." Tickets good to return until Sunday night.—Adv.)

Train Fifty Minutes Late.

When the wreck occurred the special was fifty minutes late. For each hour that the train is behind the Pennsylvania Company guarantee to refund \$1 of the fare to each passenger. As it was nearly five hours after the wreck before a train carrying the injured and slightly hurt passengers was sent on West, a large sum will be refunded.

The St. Louis express, which is due in Pittsburgh at 5:30 o'clock this morning, carried nearly two score of the victims. The badly injured had been made comfortable in berths and word telegraphed ahead for ambulances from Allegheny General Hospital to meet the train.

Superintendent Long, of Pittsburgh, who left for the scene of the wreck on an early train, took charge on his arrival.

One of the first things he did was to